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Peter BOEKSTEGERS et al.

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RELATED METHODS OF
PROVIDING DIRECT BLOOD FLOW
FROM A HEART CHAMBER TO A
CORONARY VESSEL

Group Art Unit: 3764

Examiner: Q. Thanh

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Sir:

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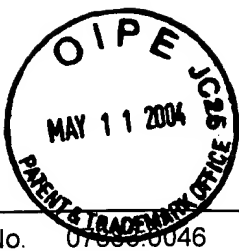
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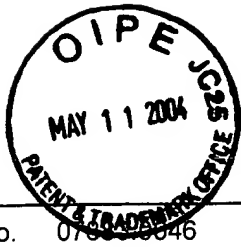


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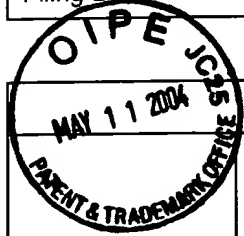
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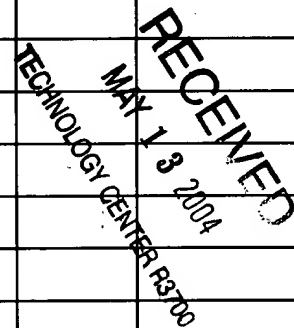
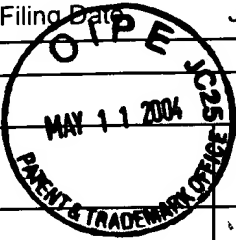
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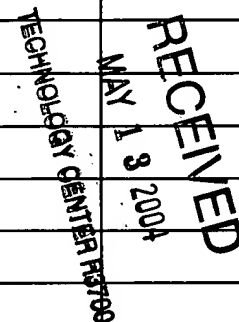
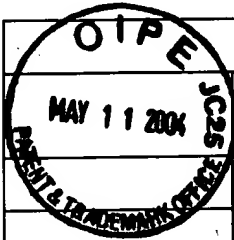
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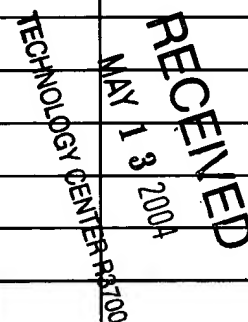
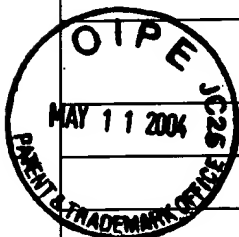


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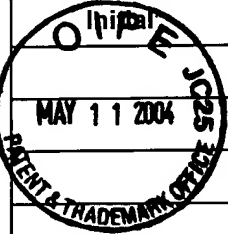
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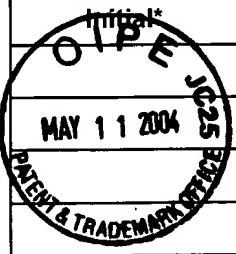
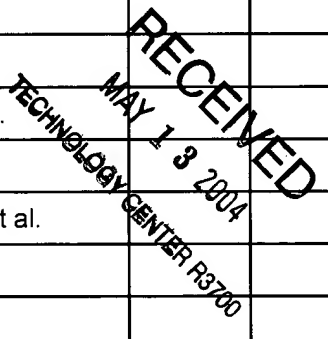
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